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SUBJECT: TRADE REFORM BILL AND CARTELS

REF: KINGSTON 4400

1. TRADE REFORM BILL (AS REPORTED OUT BY SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE) READS IN PART:

2. SECTION 502(B): QUOTE...THE PRESIDENT SHALL NOT
DESIGNATE ANY COUNTRY A BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRY
UNDER THIS SECTION UNQUOTE AUTHORIZING GENERALIZED
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SYSTEM OF TRADE PREFERENCES QUOTE...(2) IF SUCH COUNTRY

IS A MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION OF PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES; (3) IF SUCH COUNTRY IS A PARTY TO ANY ARRANGEMENT WITH OTHER FOREIGN COUNTRIES, THE EFFECT OF WHICH IS TO WITHHOLD SUPPLIES OF VITAL COMMODITY RESOURCES FROM INTERNATIONAL TRADE OR TO RAISE THE PRICE OF SUCH COMMODITIES TO AN UNREASONABLE LEVEL WHICH CAUSES SERIOUS DISRUPTION OF THE WORLD ECONOMY;...UNQUOTE

3. SECTION 502(C): QUOTE IN DETERMINING WHETHER TO DESIGNATE ANY COUNTRY A BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRY UNDER THIS SECTION, THE PRESIDENT SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT(4) THE EXTENT TO WHICH SUCH COUNTRY HAS ASSURED THE UNITED STATES IT WILL PROVIDE EQUITABLE AND REASONABLE ACCESS TO THE MARKETS AND BASIC COMMODITY RESOURCES OF SUCH

COUNTRY....UNQUOTE

4. THESE SECTIONS ARE NOT CONTAINED IN HOUSE VERSION OF TRADE REFORM BILL. DEPT WILL TRY TO HAVE SENATE LANGUAGE DROPPED OR AMENDED WHEN AND IF BILL GOES TO CONFERENCE.

5. PRIOR TO SUCH POSSIBLE REVISION AND FINAL PASSAGE, WE HESITATE TO SPECULATE WHAT WORDS OF SECTION MEAN, SINCE THERE IS ENOUGH UNCERTAINTY TO BE FOUND ON THE FACE OF TEXT TO RAISE ISSUES WHICH CANNOT BE RESOLVED IN ABSTRACT; APPLICABILITY WILL DEPEND ON ALL RELEVANT FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES. KISSINGER

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